

TRIBUTE TO ELSIE COATES

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my admiration for Ms. Elsie Coates of Camp Point, Illinois. Her accomplishments should inspire us all to never stop living life to its fullest.

Celebrating her 85th birthday this last July, Elsie is proof that age is not necessarily a barrier in carrying out life long dreams. In the last ten years, Elsie obtained her drivers license and completed the requirements for the GED, the equivalent of a high school degree. Last year, she added to her list a tandem skydiving excursion at the 1998 World Free Fall Competition. Amidst all these exciting activities, Elsie still finds time to participate actively in the church and community.

Elsie is a true inspiration. The significance of her achievements is perhaps said best in her own words. "Age is just a number . . . If you set down and feel sorry for yourself, you're going to get old awfully quick."

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL
MICHALISIN, CPA**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Michael Michalisin, CPA, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. In 1963, Mr. Michalisin began his career in accounting and auditing with a focus on corporate mergers and acquisitions.

In 1975, Mr. Michalisin was admitted to Partnership with the firm, Hurdman and Cranstoun. Later, as an Audit Partner in the New York office of KPMG Peat Marwick, Mr. Michalisin specialized in work with trading companies, chemical and aluminum manufacturers, consulting engineers, book publishers, and venture capital investors.

Mr. Michalisin has participated extensively in accounting processes during mergers and acquisitions. As a member of the client acquisition team, reporting to top management, he has supervised pre-acquisition reviews and the due diligence team.

Mr. Michalisin has vast experience coordinating world wide audits with client management in many countries. One of Mr. Michalisin's particular areas of expertise has been with Japanese firms. He has worked with Japanese companies for the past 20 years and has a strong knowledge of the Japanese management style, business approach, culture and thinking.

Since leaving the public accounting profession in late 1991, Mr. Michalisin has been an independent consultant to businesses and has established himself in the interim professional services business. He provides corporate clients with interim executives and consultants to solve their immediate and short-term problems.

Mr. Michalisin is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is past President of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

Married and the father of two sons, Mr. Michalisin and his wife reside in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Mr. Michalisin has been active in his town's baseball association as coach and president. He is currently the Commissioner of the Scotch Plains Youth Baseball Association.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and to congratulate Michigan Sugar Company, which celebrates its centennial this year. Located in Caro, Michigan, the company represents a vital industry in the Fifth Congressional District, that I am proud to represent in Congress today. Although families are still bringing in their crops, it appears that Michigan Sugar might achieve a record-breaking sugar beet harvest this year. Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will agree with me that this is indeed a fitting tribute for Michigan Sugar's 100th year of operation.

Michigan Sugar Company received its first donation of beets from Mr. William Brinkman on October 9, 1899. And in that same month the company began its processing operations that have contributed greatly to our local economy as well as to the livelihood of all our families in the area. Today, Michigan Sugar Company's Caro factory is recognized as the oldest operating sugar beet refinery in the United States.

This year, over 250 grower families from Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Saginaw and Bay Counties farmed nearly 30,000 acres of sugar beets to supply Michigan Sugar's Caro factory. This autumn and winter, the Caro factory will process approximately 550,000 tons of sugar beets and produce over 140,000,000 pounds of sugar.

In 1898, the citizens of Caro donated the land for the first factory, which was named Peninsular Sugar Refinery. That company merged with other area refineries in 1906 to form Michigan Sugar Company. And now, one hundred years later, Michigan Sugar continues to repay the donation of this land for its first factory site by acts of civic achievement and contribution. The company remains a strong leader in the community through such measures as donating over 75,000 pounds of sugar to non-profit organizations in the state and community, as well as through financial support of these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to the company's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mark Flegenheimer, the Factory Manager, Mr. Daniel Mashue, and to Michigan Sugar Company's many hard-working employ-

ees. Michigan Sugar Company is an integral part of our prosperous sugar beet industry in Michigan, and as such, is important to each and every family in the Fifth Congressional District. For one hundred years of being a mainstay in our economy, and for the many acts of civic contributions and achievements, I would like to say, thank you, and best wishes for the next one hundred years.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY DONORS
DISCLOSURE**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced legislation which would, in the future, require organizers of presidential libraries to disclose the identity of donors and the amounts they give.

The Washington Post recently reported that \$125 million will have to be raised to construct President Clinton's library. It also reported that:

The library fund-raising is striking both for the gargantuan size of the pledges being made and the refusal—at least so far—to disclose the donors.

However, we do not know who these donors are or what interests they may have on any pending policy decisions that are to be made. I think that our government needs to operate in the open—not behind closed doors.

In addition to the reports in the Washington Post, I would like to note that the Knoxville News-Sentinel discussed this issue in its lead editorial saying:

Clinton is still a sitting president and is in a position to do favors for donors. His raising money for his library behind closed doors may be legal, but it smells all the same. He should make public the names of the donors and the amounts of their contributions or he should wait until he is out of office to put the arm on people.

It also stated that:

The White House defense of this secrecy is lame in the extreme: Ronald Reagan did it. Perhaps so, but that doesn't make it right, and this administration, given its various fund-raising scandals, should be especially sensitive to the appearance of impropriety—or one would hope so.

I agree 100 percent, and I hope that my colleagues will join me in support of this legislation so that we can ensure that our government operates in an open manner.

HONORING THE GLOBAL
VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZATION**HON. BILL LUTHER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I commend a group of volunteers who can honestly say that they have impacted and inspired thousands of people and countless communities worldwide: I am speaking of